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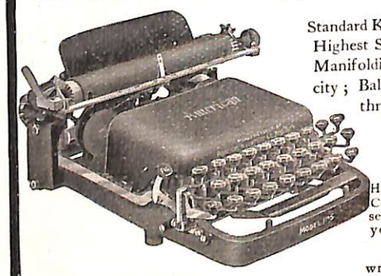

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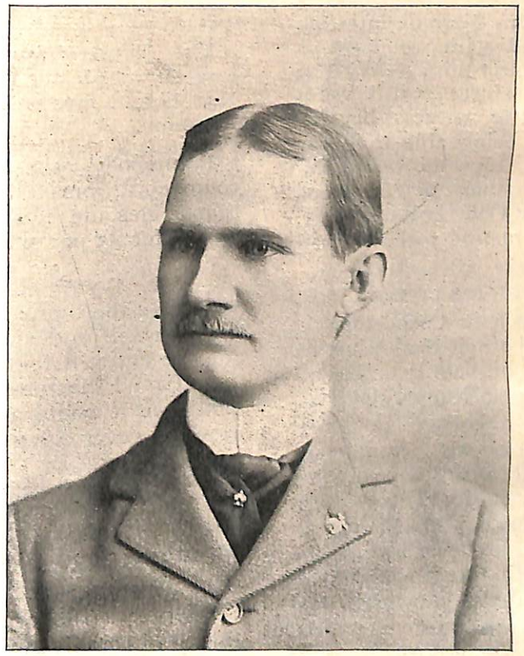

R. T. FORBES,
Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Our readers will have no trouble in recognizing the features of Noble Forbes since this is his second appearance in these pages. The estimation of his relation to the Mystic Shrine can best be expressed by saying that he has held the office of treasurer for several years; but his highest compliment lies in the fact that he, as commander of Apollo, Cedar Rapids, is giving Templary an exhibition of that zeal that brings success everywhere. Noble Forbes is a worker and not an idler in the Masonic family of the Parlor City.

GEORGE WOLTZ BEVER.

While many of us had expected to hear of his death, yet when the news came April 7th, 1903, that this Right Eminent Fratre had passed away in California, all were shocked and sad. He has been so thoroughly and unselfishly

mingled with all our Masonic interests that we look around with wonderment as to who will replace him. With a strong and active business zeal it was a most pathetic sight to witness his disappointment at not being able to follow in his usual pursuits for some years past. He sleeps where so many of our "Good Knights" sleep, in Oak Hill cemetery, where he was laid to rest with Templar honors by Apollo.

A SKETCH OF HIS LIFE.

Mr. Bever was born in Coshocton, O., 1842, and was a lad of ten years when he came to Iowa with his family. He attended school in Cedar Rapids and later he attended Kenyon college in Ohio, where his education was completed. During the war of the rebellion he served as second lieutenant in Co. E, Forty-sixth Iowa volunteer infantry. On the termination of the war Mr. Bever became actively connected with the City National bank in Cedar Rapids, of which his father, S. C. Bever, was president. His brother, James L. Bever, was cashier, and and John B. Bever, assistant cashier. Mr. Bever was afterwards elected vice president and filled that position for twenty years.

At the time of his death he was president of the American Trust and Savings bank and a director of the Citizens' National bank.

He was also connected with a number of different business enterprises which have materially advanced the welfare of the city and was actively identified with the Masonic temple and the auditorium in their construction.

Mr. Bever was married to Miss Ada E. Taylor, of Marysville, Ohio, who was with him in California at the time of his death. He was a thirty-third degree Mason and always took an active interest in the work of that order. He was a past Commander of the Apollo Commandery and past Potentate of El Kahir Temple, of the Mystic Shrine and past Grand Commander of the Knights Templar of Iowa. He was also prominent in the organization of the benevolent and protective order of Elks, and was a past Exalted Ruler in that order.

Masonry in General.

The *Constellation* will please not depose Grand Master Gardner of Iowa to pose Grand Master Ayers of Nebraska any more.

If anybody asks you what accident company to join tell them that the National Masonic is all right and carries $5,000 for $3 per quarter, too.

M. W. Bestor G. Brown of Kansas, whallops the "promotion theory" to a fare-you-well in Kansas, by re-constructing the entire list of his appointments. If a Grand Master in Iowa were to do that once it would make some of those who are "ever foremost" go away back and sit down.

Poor "Gilbert Patton Brown" whom "we" never turned at all, is catching free advertising from the "Masonic press" jess' now!

Down in Missouri, by the final disability of the Grand Master, Dr. Kuhn becomes acting Grand Master; some have greatness thrust upon them, while others die with it in their grasp. Yet who is great?

If those who believe in prayer wait until all believe with them, there will be no praying; if all who believe in the mission of Masonry wait until all practice its tenets perfectly, none will; so, dear Craftsmen, lets each set the highest standard we can and, living up to it, rejoice in our

heritage. Now Medinah Temple, Chicago, like Lulu of Philadelphia, has bought a church building to turn it into a Shrine hall for themselves. Rajah of Reading, Penn., is another sample of going to housekeeping in a church—nice that they find so useful purposes to which to put them.

Some of our exchanges are giving vent to neat compliments to R. W. Harry A. Collins of Toronto, Canada, and all we have to say is that Harry is all they say of him—then some.

A great "to do" is made of the disciplining of a New York lodge for having undesirable material in it. We dissent from this kind of Masonic news—keep the law, obey the commandments—but refrain from giving the secular news such information. Eh?

When Gen. John Corson Smith of Chicago, says that General Grant never was a Freemason, it settles the injury so far as our curiosity is concerned.

When Richard Lamberton of Louisiana says the "Pike" rituals are not used in the "Scotch" lodges, now in full affiliation with the Grand Lodge of Louisiana it is to be believed and its final testimony—and he says so. For reasons of harmony, the old French ritual "Lafore" is used in a few lodges, but there are no independent ones.

When El-Jebel of Demer has a banquet "about a jack-rabbit's jump from the Temple," it doesn't mean that the Most Worshipful will need to get nervous. When the "fun is fast and furious" or when the Shrine "whoops it up," it doesn't mean any more than when Sam Briggs quotes from Laurence Stern —only the uninitiated high-bolo-galoo's are not up in literature—ah-hem!

Our solvent for the black-ball fiend is re-organization or a dispensation for a new lodge—it has worked like a charm in more than one instance in Iowa and it will work again. Where you can't harmonize, try it.

If any of our readers want to know how a Canadian lodge conducts an "Irish night" they will please "wake" Worshipful S. S. Kelvington of Albert Pike Lodge, Minneapolis, as he's been to one in Harry Collins' Doric lodge, Toronto, Canada, and if that pair can't make an "Irish night" lively who could?

Already the preliminary circulars for the Twenty-ninth Triennial Encampment K. T. in San Francisco are being made. At-tent-ion. Ivanhoe Commandery, Milwaukee, announces a $50 rate of fare for the round trip to California for the Triennial—and yet there are lines of railroad who will be along with their announcements about first grass, 1904.

We entirely agree with the *Keystone* in the criticism of publishing any disciplinary action of Masonic bodies.

Will *Acacia* please tell us where the "tradition" about the Hiram Abif funeral rites came from.

At Missouri Valley, April 16, we attended a double raising and partook of refreshments in due form, served by the ladies of the Eastern Star. Missouri Valley has a live lodge and a working Master.

From the way the newspapers notice the Masonic standing of almost all the mayors elected in Iowa municipalities this year, one would think that the machines were oiling the Craftsmen up for future benefit. Why notice that any more than his religious affiliations?

March 31, Judge Bishop of Des Moines was the "orator" of honor at a special event in Newton, Iowa.

April 21, 1903, we were fortunate enough to meet with Malta Commandery No. 31, and had the pleasure to witness the conferring of the Order of the Red Cross upon two companions. Malta has among its working list such knights as Brown McCarroll, S. L. McGavic, Dan F. Emery, and others of like zeal.

We have called attention before to the fact that affiliation with Lodge and Chapter is a prerequisite to standing in a Commandery and for neglect of our warning some people will suffer sooner or later.

Lodge No. 16, Ottumwa, is in a prosperous condition, as we learn from its Worshipful Master Charles Burkland.

On April 3, Eminent Commander Sir Richard Tasker Forbes entertained all the Past Commanders of Apollo 26, (except P. G. C. Geo. Bever, since deceased) and one or two past commanders of other Commanderies, at a sumptuous banquet in the Delevan hotel. A Past Commanders Association was formed, of which we have no particulars. Much good will undoubtedly arise from the above social function.

Detroit has a Masonic cemetery project on foot, about which we want to keep informed. Detroit frequently leads but never follows in good Masonic works.

April 20, Temple Commandery No. 4, Des Moines, escorted the "Grand Lodge" at the corner stone laying of the new Polk county court house.

MASONRY DOESN'T NEED IT.

Whether it be deemed wise or otherwise we have no superstitious conceit of Masonry. It is just what it is because in the course of its evolution from a guild of employers to an institution of character, it has attracted the wisest, most thoughtful and naturally the best men to its fellowship. In the United States of America it is in the knowledge of men now living when to be a Mason was to be subjected to question and even persecution. Whether this has been the cause or not, there is a disposition to orderly seclusion about its deliberation that commends it to all thoughtful men.

Wherever needless display or the cheap court of notoriety shows up it is frowned upon and all often reminded that no man is regarded for his worldly wealth or honors. It is in as poor taste therefore to herald the fact that a high functionary will grace a Masonic occasion as it would be ridiculous to say that some nondescript was to be the guest of honor at a royal doings. Think of a society composed of Masons announcing through the press, as an inducement for a crowd, that "His Majesty, the Sultan of Zulu, will bow to the Craftsmen assembled on the front porch of the Masonic Temple in Dodo, as his carriage passes the door."

"P. S. If the Committee can arrange for the stoppage of the carriage of his R. H. he will wave his hand at the assembly and it will be something to tell your sisters, your cousins and your aunts!"

GRAND LODGE, JUNE 2d.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa will meet in Waterloo on June 2d, and under the general direction of Bros. Martin, A. R. Williams, R. G. Stewart and Al. H. Holt, visitors need have no fear of being neglected.

The usual school will preceed the Communication on Friday to Monday. Here are the

Grand Lodge Committees.

The various committees of the Grand Lodge have just been announced and are given as follows:

On credentials—F. W. Craig, Des Moines; B. G. Evans, Lenox; C. W. Walton, Dubuque.

On lodges under dispensation—F. B. Colson, Marengo; M. P. Miller, Washington; W. G. Newsome, Sabula.

On chartered lodges—P. J. Martin, Waterloo; Sumner Miller, Guttenburg; W. D. Irvine, Sioux City.

Grand master's address—L. E. Fellows, Lansing; L. J. Baker, Ottumwa; T. B. Lacey, Council Bluffs.

Appeals and grievances—Thomas Arthur, Logan; H. B. Sloan, Keosauqua; C. F. Kuehnle, Denison.

Masonic jurisprudence—L. C. Blanchard, Oskaloosa; Louis Block, Davenport; W. D. Clements, West Union.

Finance—T. J. Davis, Marion; Charles Shade, Rock Rapids; M. D. Gibbs, Alton.

Mileage and per diem—C. E. Narey, Spirit Lake; Geo. W. Hunt, Manchester; F. A. Lusk, Ida Grove.

Grand lodge library—F. S. Moses, Clinton.

Fraternal correspondence—Jos. E. Morcombe, Cedar Rapids.

Fraternal dead—C. W. Neal, Davenport.

Special Committees.

Visitors—J. E. Bruce, Anita.

Sedgwick petition—C. M. Brooks, Sibley; S. E. Irish, Keosauqua; J. R. Lindsay, Dubuque.

MASONS FORBID USE OF WINE.

California Templars Take Lead in Movement for Temperance.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2—The grand commandery of the Knights Templar of California has decided by an unanimous vote that hereafter no wine shall be served at Templar banquets. This is done, it is said, so that the order on this coast might fall in line with a general movement of the same kind in the east and because the use of wine in the lodge rooms for all official functions is contrary to the principles of Masonry. It is said that the grand lodge of Masons at its annual meeting next October will take the same decisive action and order that all banquets given under the auspices of any Masonic lodge of the state be strictly temperate.

The Eastern Star.

We owe Grand Patron Cope reparation for having left his name for months out of our list of Iowa's Grand Officers.

From Grand Patron Edmund Jackson of Illinois we had a "you'll catch it" letter which we acknowledge made us wish we had our "Star" home to hide in from the Sister Pitkin's "sharp stick." "Who's afraid?"

SISTER PITKIN'S SECOND LETTER.

CHICAGO, ILL., Mch. 31, 1903.

Mr. J. W. Geiger, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—I have but a moment in which to acknowledge receipt of your kind favor of the 28th. I do not remember just what I said to you in my letter, but let it go, and if it misrepresents us in Illinois I will write you another, but I want to emphasize the fact that the Eastern Star and Masonic Home at Macon, Ill., has not been transferred to the Grand Lodge of this state. It is a success and an independent matter entirely.

Thanking you in advance for the copies of your paper, I am

Very hastily but sincerely yours,

LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

We are of the opinion that this amply explains away our little misprint of two months ago, so the anxious communications of the "men folks" who rise up to whallop us for getting Sister Lorraine stirred up, will go on file for use at some future inquest.—EDITOR.

MASONIC HOME IS STARTED.

Widows and Orphans to be Cared For at Sullivan, Ill.

Bloomington, Ill., March 27.—The work of construction upon the new Home for Widows and Orphans of Masons will be pushed as the contract has just been let to a Peoria firm for $37,000. The plans call for a very handsome and conveniently arranged structure and one which the order may feel proud of.

The building will be erected on the farm willed to the order by the late Robert Miller at Sullivan, Moultrie county, consisting of 264 acres. The building will be 145 feet in length and 45 feet in width. There will be two stories and a basement.

At the outset there will be accommodations for 200 children, with play grounds, and for fifty widows. The adults will have apartments on the ground floor. Brick and stone will be used largely in the construction of the building, which will be practically fire proof. It is intended to add to this main building a series of cottages until seven in all are erected. The combined home will then be the most capacious of the kind in the world.—*Chicago Inter Ocean, March 28, 1903.*

Fraternities.

April 11 a convention of Mutual Fire insurance representatives "resolved" a committee to seek legislation in favor of an "Insurance Department" in Iowa. We haxe one now and Auditor Carroll is a good man to head it.

If half the high sounding forecasts of the World's Fair of 1904 come true it will be the greatest ever. A mammoth fraternal hotel is among the last likelihoods and if such a thing could be done we'd like to be there for awhile. But the old blackstock would still seek the "Planters" and the "Southern."

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The East certainly gives us pointers on extensive and profitable "fairs" under Masonic auspices. One of these was held in Brooklyn, N. Y.

"We fear Dr. Geiger's Fez was filled with zem zem when he wrote the following queer item for the Freemason and Fez."—*Masonic Standard.* That is the most untidy remark we have ever found in the M. S.

The Masonic Observer of Minnesota breaks forth in a "Golden Jubilee" number, reminds us of the voluminous "Trestle Board" of 1902. It is certainly a costly and valuable edition of our vigorous young neighbor.

TEN YEARS OLD.

Ten years ago this month we commenced the publication of this paper. We had high ambitions and room for unlimited experience. We know something now, and were we possessed of the subscriptions long due us we'd have our priceless experience, an untarnished faith in Masonry and a profit of ten dollars a year in money. As it is we have the ambition, the debt and the confidence that while we continue to work we will have some compensation for the labor. We wish we could have afforded better results; we wish what we have sought had been brought forth as we planned it; but such as it is this decade goes to the past and we hope for the future.

HOME THE SOCIAL CENTER.

When we witness the frantic efforts of the many to shine socially in certain sets and hear the vain mouthings of those who have what money can buy but no real culture, we wonder if we do not too often overlook the fact that each home is of right the social center 'round which in fullest contentment, should revolve all its members. Why care for the fermentation of "sets." Why be worried because this or that clique passes one by—is not the epitomy of all society if right emphasized in our home? Is it not an all-satisfying function to keep it progressive and pure. Let all else go its way, give us "Home, Sweet Home."

"INTENTION TO PROPOSE."

The above heading to an article in the *Masonic Standard* may be classed among the kind of advice that is never likely to be generally followed. The class who do the black-balling never have and never will come out and show their hands and unless they are controlled the "intention" notice would not help any. Rather inovate by some relief from "one-man-power" at this end of the line and making the ballot reasonable enough for the white to outvote the black.

The Mystic Shrine.

This journal is sent to every Recorder in the Order, for which there is no charge. Any interest they may take will be appreciated. JON. WESTLEY GEIGER, Editor.

A new temple to be known as "Salaam" is about being formed in Newark, N. J. Now look out for Trenton!

Mecca and Kismet of New York and Brooklyn now charge $50, and it will be only a few months more until that will be the minimum fee.

"Down East" the temples cultivate reciprocal relations by organized visits—Kismet, Brooklyn, went to Boumi, Baltimore, May 3, and a great time is reported.

A delegation from Mecca, accompanied by "Pet" Clayton of Missouri, went down to visit Almas, Washington, D. C., on St. Patrick's Day last. *Saints presarve us!*

Medinah Temple, Chicago, has bought Unity church, Dearborn and Walton Place, for its future home.

Our June number will be the Imperial Council issue and it will be worth while for every representative to have it for reference.

In President Roosevelt's Des Moines visit Zaza-Zig Temple figured quite largely. Potentate Evans welcomed him to the Auditorium and they tell us Frank and Teddy were both at their best that day (April 28.) We've heard the list of candidates variously given at from 60 to 96 for this meeting of the Temple.

Kaaba will go to Oskaloosa this month, Zaza-Zig goes to Sioux City on May 14, while ElKahir gives the Iowa grocerymen things to think about in Cedar Rapids on the 13th.

IMPERIAL HENRY'S TRAIN.

It's not out much yet, but Imperial Potentate Akin will move out of Omaha about July 1st with the finest Imperial train that "ever" went across the desert and what's more—the Wabash east of Chicago with the West Shore railroad will have half a dozen sections of the "Imperial" running between times, all only second to "Henry's" own. Among this lot don't forget ElKahir's east bound Imperial flyer leaving Cedar Rapids at midnight July 4, and arriving in Saratoga Springs at noon on Monday, July 6.

The rate decided on is $24.20 for the round trip. Side trips will be made east at 1½ cents per mile and the limit made comfortable. El Kahir has one sleeper filled and the second half full now.

Book Table.

We have the Masonic Directory of St. Joseph, Mo., with the compliments of E. F. Hartzell, secretary of Masonic Directory Committee, and we note that it is the twelfth published under his direction. Thanks greatly.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Kansas, 1903, by R. W. A. K. Wilson, G. S. Topeka.

An address, Personal Recollections of General Ulysses S. Grant, by Gen. John Corson Smith, is a document of rare worth and one we read from end to end with interest.

Proceedings of Grand Commandery and Grand Chapter of Louisiana 1903, from Sir Richard Lambert, Grand Recorder and Grand Secretary. Many thanks fratre.

From Gil W. Barnard, Chicago, we have the official Ballustre of Oriental Consistory, Chicago, for its April reunion.

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Will Recorders of Temples please "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the fact that there is no membership fee nor dues for this Association at this present time; that they can have a voice in the determination of its future character either in person or by proxy; that the present S. T. is so exalted by his official distinction as to deem all expenses paid up to and including the adoption of some sort of compact for the permanent organization at Saratoga.

SEND SPECIMENS.

Recorders will get official notice in the secretary's report to the "Association" at Saratoga, if they will send us a leaf from their records for exhibition and comparison.

Noble Harry H. Allen of Ararat is first with a ledger leaf and a specimen of their Passport. Recorder Markham of Tsma-

lie sends sample Passport and is second. Come, wake up fellows.

TOGETHER OR SEPARATELY.

As we've all heard Saram Ellison of Mecca say, "We recorders must stand together," we simply wish to remark, geemonee! One old stag asks us what we are up to with our "Association" and we had to patiently tell him that we did not intend to interfere with the politics or religion of the Order; merely to get at all the good in each other's methods and swap pictures, etc. Old Ben Franklin once remarked Continental Congress (or was it the World's Fair?) "that unless they hung together, the King of England would hang them separately"—and while we are in nosuch danger, we think Doc Ellison got his annual suggestion from Ben's sage "pointer." Please don't shy at our Association, as it is harmless.

Next month will be our Imperial Council number and whatever our president has to say will have first place in this department.

Book on South Dakota.

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